

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Attorney Docket No. 087522785155
Coffield et al)	
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For:)	CHAIR BACK CONSTRUCTION
Examiner:)	Harris, Stephanie N.
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REMARKS

The attached AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS is presented after final but in response to a telephonic interview between the undersigned and Examiners Harris and Cuomo.

Claims 1-21 are now in the application with claim 21 being newly submitted. During the interview, various independent claims were discussed. It was concluded by Examiner Cuomo that claim 11 appeared to be allowable and that the dependent claims, 12-18, would also be allowable.

It was decided that the other independent claims were to be reviewed by the undersigned in view of references to Brauning (U.S. 6,439,661) and Peterson (U.S. 6,220,661), in addition to Gregory (U.S. 6,254,490) and Pile (U.S. 3,008,764). The Brauning reference appears to be newly cited.

It is believed by the undersigned that the other independent claims 1, 19, 20 and 21 are also patentable over the above mentioned references and are in condition for allowance.

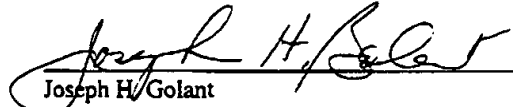
Claim 1 includes the limitations of a carrier extending around the periphery of the fabric panel and that the carrier is directly attached along a bottom edge to one frame member and at

transverse member and two vertically extending and diverging members, the carrier having a bottom edge attached substantially along its entire length to the transverse frame member and apertures formed through the carrier at the intersection of the carrier side and top edges, the apertures being used to engage the two vertical members. As mentioned above, none of the references, Brauning, Peterson, Gregory and Pile, individually includes all the references and even if they were all combined, all of the limitations would still not be disclosed.

As mentioned, it is believed that all of the independent claims 1, 19, 20, 21 in addition to claim 11 are in allowable condition and reconsideration is respectfully requested. The undersigned invites the Examiners to call him should there be any questions regarding any of the above claims.

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